

NYSHIP HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS

Report

NEW YORK STATE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (NYSHIP)
FOR NEW YORK STATE AND PARTICIPATING EMPLOYER RETIR
VESTEEES, DEPENDENT SURVIVORS AND ENROLLEES COVERE
PREFERRED LIST PROVISIONS and for their enrolled Dependents
and for COBRA Enrollees with their NYSHIP Benefits

Medicare: You Must Enroll

NYSHIP requires you and your dependents to be enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B when first eligible. You/your dependents must be enrolled when first eligible even if also covered through another employer's group plan.

You must be enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B and entitled to receive Medicare benefits by the first day of the month in which you reach age 65, or before age 65 if you are disabled or have end stage renal disease.

If you fail to enroll in Medicare or are in a waiting period for Medicare to go into effect, your benefits may be drastically reduced. Plan benefits may change.

If you are not enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B when you are first eligible to enroll, you will be responsible for the full cost of medical services that Medicare would have covered.

Participating Employer enrollees: Ask your agency Health Benefits Administrator whether your agency continues NYSHIP coverage after you become eligible for Medicare at 65.

Keeping Your Coverage Up To Date

To keep your coverage up to date, notify the Employee Benefits Division of changes affecting your NYSHIP enrollment. Always include your name and identification number. Please provide notice in writing for the situations marked by the symbol 📁. For other situations, call 518-457-5754 (Albany area) or 1-800-833-4344 (U.S. outside Albany local calling area, Canada, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands)

- 📁 **Your home address changes**
- 📁 **Your phone number changes**
- 📁 **Your name changes**
(for above situations, also contact your retirement system and HMO)

Your Family Unit Changes

- 📁 • You marry, divorce, acquire a domestic partner or end a relationship with a domestic partner
- 📁 • You want to add a dependent
- 📁 • You no longer have any eligible dependents
- 📁 • Your dependent loses eligibility
- 📁 • You no longer wish to provide coverage for a dependent
- 📁 • You have a disabled dependent
- 📁 • Your spouse/domestic partner or other enrolled dependent dies

Your Status Changes

- 📁 • You or a covered dependent becomes eligible for Medicare benefits because of disability or end stage renal disease although under age 65
- 📁 • Your enrolled domestic partner becomes eligible for Medicare regardless of age
- 📁 • You or an enrolled dependent loses eligibility for Medicare
- 📁 • If you die, your representative should send a copy of the death certificate so that billings or Medicare reimbursement checks (if any) will end
- 📁 • You are a vestee who becomes eligible to retire
- 📁 • You are a COBRA enrollee and you or your dependent becomes entitled to receive Medicare benefits

Other

- 📁 • You need to correct your enrollment records because, for example, a name is misspelled or birthdate is wrong
- 📁 • You must change your health insurance option outside the Option Transfer Period because you no longer live in your HMO's NYSHIP service area
- You need to file a coordination of benefits Form PS-600 because you (or a dependent) enroll in another health insurance plan
- 📁 • You want to cancel your coverage
- You return to work

See page 32 of your April 1, 1999 NYSHIP General Information Book for more information. Page 33 of your Book has a sample letter for you to copy.

More Reasons to Contact the Employee Benefits Division

- You have questions concerning your family's eligibility for health insurance coverage
- You have questions about changing your type of coverage (Family/Individual)
- You have questions about COBRA
- You have questions about the Dual Annuitant Sick Leave Credit or Deferred Health Insurance
- You would like a list of NYSHIP HMOs

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and Other Enrolled Dependents

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NYSHIP Health Benefits Meetings 2001

You're invited to attend a NYSHIP information meeting in your area. Each meeting lasts 2 hours and, except where noted, runs twice in one day: 10 am - 12 noon and 1 - 3 pm. Each session will address your New York State Health Insurance Program (NYSHIP) coverage and benefits.

No reservations are required. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. If you are unable to attend, you may send a representative. All meeting sites are handicapped accessible.

Spring 2001 Meetings

Albany • May 8
NYS Department of Corrections
Albany Training Academy
1134 New Scotland Road
Auditorium

Hauppauge • June 13
H. Lee Dennison Bldg.
100 Veterans Memorial Highway
1st Floor Meeting Room

New York City (Manhattan) • May 18
Adam Clayton Powell
State Office Building
163 West 125th Street
Art Gallery

Plattsburgh • June 21
Clinton County
Government Center
137 Margaret Street
1st Floor Conference Room
10 am - noon only

Syracuse • June 26
Sen. Hughes State Office Building
333 E. Washington Street
Main Hearing Room

Fall 2001 Meetings

Albany • November 14
NYS Department of Corrections
Albany Training Academy
1134 New Scotland Road
Auditorium

Binghamton • September 20
City Hall Governmental Complex
38 Hawley Street
Council Chambers

Buffalo • September 11
Mahoney State Office Building
65 Court Street
Hearing Room, Part 1
10 am - noon only

Hauppauge • September 6
H. Lee Dennison Building
100 Veterans Memorial Highway
1st Floor Meeting Room

New York City (Manhattan) • November 5
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